

**Subject:** ALFOODACT 013-2007 NBTY, Inc. Conducts Nationwide Recall of Shark Cartilage Capsules Because of Possible Health Risk (UNCLASSIFIED)

**No responses required.** See **7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS** for additional guidance.

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### **1. REFERENCE:**

- a. DLAR 4155.26/AR 40-660/NAVSUPINST 10110.8c/AFI 48-116/MCO 10110.38c, DOD Hazardous Food & Nonprescription Drug Recall System.
- b. Allied Communications Publication 121, US SUPP-1 (f).
- c. [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/nbty05\\_07.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/nbty05_07.html)

### **2. BACKGROUND :**

This issue was discovered during routine testing of the product. Testing on additional batches of Shark Cartilage did not show any evidence of contamination.

### **3. PRODUCTION DATES/IDENTIFYING CODES:**

Rexall Sundown brand is reported to be in the AAFES inventory. However, this product and/or brand may not be limited to AAFES distribution.

The Shark Cartilage Capsules were packaged for various NBTY divisions and sold under the following labels, lots, and codes:

- Puritan's Pride brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 6580, 100 Capsule Size - UPC 74312 16580 1, Lot Nos. 64950 (expiration date 8/08), 64951 (expiration date 9/08), and 66293 (expiration date 1/09);
- Good and Natural brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 6580, 100 Capsules, UPC 74312 46580 2, Lot No. 64951 (expiration date 9/08);
- Nature's Bounty brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 6581, 30 Capsules + 30 Free Size – UPC 74312 06581 1, Lot Nos. 64950 (expiration date 8/08), 64951 (expiration date 9/08) and 66293 (expiration date 1/09);

- Natural Wealth brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 6581, 30– UPC 74312 86581 1, Lot No. 64950 (expiration date 8/08),
- Physiologics brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 55131, 100 Capsules – UPC 16963 55131 1, Lot No. 64951, expiration date 9/08
- Rexall Sundown brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 6635, 50– UPC 30768 06635 2, Lot Nos. 64951 (expiration date 9/08) and 66293 (expiration date 1/09);
- Vitamin World brand Shark Cartilage Capsules, Product No. 6580, 100 Capsule Size – UPC 74312 76580 3, Product No. 6582, 200 Capsule Size – UPC 74312 76582 7, Product No. 6585, 400 Capsule Size – UPC 74312 76585 8, Lot Nos. 64950 (expiration date 8/08), 64951 (expiration date 9/08), and 66293 (expiration date 1/09)

**4. Manufacturer/Establishment Number:**

NBTY, Inc.  
Bohemia, NY

**5. DISTRIBUTION:** Worldwide

**6. REASON FOR RECALL:** Contaminated with *Salmonella*

**7. INSTRUCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MESSAGE RECIPIENTS:**

- Immediately inventory stocks to identify the above items and secure in a "Medical Hold" status to provide assurance of no further issue/sale/use of the item.
- Ships at sea are authorized to destroy or dispose of recalled products at their discretion. Documentation for the number of pounds and cases, and any additional pertinent information must be signed by the Accountable Officer and is required for the purpose of recouping to the government the cost of the product involved. In order to get credit please use a SF 364 and forward to your supporting FISC and copy furnished to NAVSUP 51. Your supporting FISC should forward to the account manager at DSCP. The form should include the number of the recall authorizing the survey action. Home ported ships/gallies will utilize DD form 1149 to transfer w/ reimbursement to the PV. The PV will submit credit invoice to the account manager at DSCP.
- POSITIVE RESPONSES** should be reported to Accountable Officers/Vendor Representatives of that facility. Return recalled product to the manufacturer through the appropriate distribution channels for replacement and/or credit. It may be more feasible for overseas location to seek reimbursement/credit and destroy at location.
- Unless otherwise specified above, **POSITIVE and NEGATIVE RESPONSES** directly to DSCP Consumer Safety Officer (CSO) are **NOT** required. Notify your normal chain/representative for refund/credit/replacement.

e. When corresponding with DSCP concerning this message please include this message's subject in your subject line.

**8. The Point of Contact** for this ALFOODACT message is CW4 Ramona Hemphill, Consumer Safety Officer, at DSCP-FTW. VOICE, DSN: 444-2905, Commercial (215) 737-2905, or by FAX, DSN: 444-7526, or Commercial, (215) 737-7526